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Memo. No. 31938/48-1, dated 17-7-1948.

Sub: CIVIL SUPPLIES - Gunnies - Packing of foodgrains - Purchase of gunnies - Sanction request of.

Ref: From the Board of Revenue (Civil Supplies) Ref.E.84942/48-3 (CS) dated 12-7-1948.

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In its reference cited the Board of Revenue (CS) has proposed the purchase of 4000 bales of gunnies at an estimated cost of Rs.14/- lakhs. It is not clear as to how many tons of rice are immediately to be moved nor has the Board furnished particulars as to the numbers of bags required for packing foodgrains at present. The Board is therefore requested to furnish ~~very urgently~~ the following particulars very urgently.

1) The total number of gunnies per bale and the size of each gunny proposed to be purchased.
2) The quantity of foodgrains that is immediately available for movement, and
3) The cost of each bale.

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17-7-48.

To:

The Board of Revenue (Civil Supplies).

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BOARD OF REVENUE (CIVIL SUPPLIES).
SUBJECT:

Gunnites - Gunnies for packing foodgrains - Purchase on Government account - Sanction.

Ref.E.84942/48-6, (CS) dated 12-8-1948.

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From

V.S. HEJMADI, ESQ., I.C.S.,
Commissioner of Civil Supplies.
* * *
V.V. SUBRAMANIAM, ESQ.,O.B.E., I.C.S.,
Deputy Commissioner of Civil Supplies.

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READ: 1) Board's Ref.No.E.84942/48-3. CS dated 12-7-1948.
2) Govt. Memo.No.31938-F-48-1, Food, dated 17-7-1948.

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The Board invites the attention of the Government to the references cited above and submits that the question of purchasing gunnies on Government account was reconsidered in the light of the present policey of progressive decontrol pursued by the Government. The Board is of the opinion that if large quantities of gunnies are purchased now and are left undisposed of when control is lifted, the Government might be put to a substantial loss if the gunny prices should fall. It will therefore be unsafe to purchase large stocks of gunnies on Government account at the present juncture. In this view, the Board has directed the District Supply Officers to instruct the millers and merchants to enter into direct contract with the Jute mills at Vizagapatam for their requirements of gunnies. The Board has also informed that it will assist the quick movement of the gunnies if the merchants send their applications for Railway priority in the prescribed form. A copy of the Board's instructions in the matter is enclosed.

2. While the above arrangements are ~~expected~~ expected to ensure a reasonable supply of gunnies for bagging purposes in the surplus districts, the Board considers that to be on the safe side, the Government might purchase 1,000 bales immediately as an emergency reserve. The Board considers that it should have a reserve of at least 1,000 bales for ready use, and therefore proposes to purchase 1,000 bales of gunnies from the Jute mills at Vizagapatam.

3. The cost of 1,000 bales now proposed to be purchased is estimated at Rs.3,68,000. At the end of June, 1948, there was a sum of Rs.3.88 lakhs to the credit of the Commissioner of Civil Supplies in his Personal Deposit Account for gunnies. Hence no additional sum will be required to finance the purchase, as the cost of Rs.3.68 lakhs can be adjusted from the amount still at credit.

4. The Board requests that its proposal to purchase 1,000 bales of gunnies from the Jute mills at Vizagapatam may be approved.

5. With reference to the Government Memo. cited above, the Board submits the following information:

1) The total number of gunnies per bale is 400 and the size of each gunny is 37" x 24" (2 Mds.).

2) Information regarding the quantity of foodgrains immediately available for movement has not been furnished as it is proposed, to have the gunnies as an emergency reserve.

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33) The cost per 100 gunnies is Rs.92/-

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for Deputy Commissioner of Civil Supplies.

To the Secretary to Government, Food Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.
Copy to Accounts Section.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
Abstract.

Civil Supplies - Gunnies for packing foodgrains - Purchase - Sanctioned.

Food Department.

G.O.Ms.No.987. Dated 2nd November 1948.
Read the following:

From the Board of Revenue (CS) Ref.E.84942/48-6 C.S. dated 12-8-1948.
From the Board of Revenue (CS) Ref.E.84942/48-11 CS. dated 20-9-48.

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ORDER:

In the circumstances reported by the Board of Revenue (Civil Supplies) His Excellency the Governor sanctions the purchase of 1,000 bales of gunnies at a cost not exceeding Rs.3,68,000 (Rupees three lakhs and sixty eight thousand only) for use in connection with the state Trading Schemes under the control of the Commissioner of Civil Supplies.

2. The expenditure should be met from the amount of Rs.3.88 lakhs still standing to the credit of the Commissioner of Civil Supplies in his personal deposit account for the purchase of gunnies.

/By Order of His Excellency the Governor/

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Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Civil Supplies).
To the Board of Revenue (Civil Supplies) Accounts Branch.
To the Finance Department.
To the Accountant General through Finance.

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Office Assistant,
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